

Dear Year 2,

I hope you are all very excited about moving into year 2. Lots of things will be the same for you like the resource area, cloakroom and toilets, but other things will change like the classroom and playtimes. You all know Mrs Strong very well and she will be moving with you to year 2 in September.

It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know that you and your parents might have some questions about the changes when you come back in September. We want you to know that we are here for you every step of the way and if you are ever worried, just speak to one of us and we will help you.



Throughout the year you will be taught by myself (Mr Andrew) and also Mr Houghton every Monday afternoon.

Supporting you with your learning will be Mrs Strong.



Obviously, our main job is to keep you all safe and happy when you are at school, so we have made a few changes, which we want to tell you about.

What will I have to remember to keep safe?

Before schools closed, we made some changes to reduce the spread of germs, and we will need to continue to do these when we return:

- If you are not feeling well, tell an adult straight away
- Wash your hands regularly – for at least 20 seconds following the steps on the posters in the toilets
- Try not to touch your mouth, nose and eyes
- Remember the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when coughing or sneezing and use the red bin for dirty tissues
- Wipe laptops and other equipment we share
- Stay a safe distance from each other when in school or on the playground

How will I come in to and leave school?

You will need to enter the school grounds through the gate nearest to the school office/entrance, and follow the path to the KS1 playground to the Y2 classroom door. We will be at the door to greet you and squirt some hand sanitiser into your hands so you can clean them. Remember to rub your hands, palms and fingers thoroughly to kill all the germs. At the end of the day, you will be picked up from the classroom door and leave school through the gate next to the nursery building.



You will then need to: place your book bag (no rucksacks as space is limited) in your tray in the resource area, place your lunch box (if you have one) on top of the bench outside year 2 and finally place your coat on your peg if the cloakroom is empty.

CATCH IT Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.	
BIN IT Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.	
KILL IT Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.	



Year 2 teaching spaces include the resource area and classroom.

Lots of equipment and resources like counters and pencil crayons will be shared and we must remember not to put these in our mouths. When we use any equipment like laptops, adults will wipe it using disinfectant and a cloth to kill any germs. We can use the hand sanitiser as well to clean our hands and kill any germs, but we must be sensible with this and not put it near eyes or mouths.

We will have PE every Monday afternoon with Miss Butler, so you will need to come to school wearing your PE kit and trainers. When it is cold, you will also need to wear a tracksuit with your coat to keep you warm when outside.

What is going to happen at playtime?

When we go out at playtime, you will need to go to the toilet and wash your hands like normal. Our new playtime will be at 10:20am and we will have the whole of the KS1 playground to ourselves so we have plenty of room and to prevent classes mixing. Remember to bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime like a piece of fruit – no crisps, biscuits or cakes.

We will have some play equipment, like scooters, skipping ropes and balls, as we want you to be physically active and play! It is important that we clean the equipment so someone else can use it. After each playtime, we will ask you to use hand sanitiser to clean your hands.

What happens at lunchtime?

At 12:30 we will go to the hall to eat but we must remember to wash our hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. In the hall, you and a friend will sit together at a table but we must remember to not mix with the other class who will also be in the hall to prevent any germs from spreading. Once everyone has finished eating, we will go out to play and have the whole KS1 playground to play on. If you normally bring your own packed lunch into school, you can still do this.

I want to go to the toilet, what should I do?

If you need to go to the toilet, you will need to ask an adult who may need to go with you to avoid groups mixing. Remember to wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon. Take care and stay safe.

From Mr Andrew and the rest of the Year 2 team